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(2) an ethylene vinyl acetate or polyolefin selected from the group consisting of (a) ethylene vinyl acetate containing 25-90% by weight ethylene and 10-75% by weight vinyl acetate, (b) a linear low density polyethylene, (c) a low density polyethylene, (d) a very low density polyethylene and (e) a high density polyethylene; and mixtures thereof;

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(3) an ethylene vinyl acetate or polyolefin selected from the group consisting of (a) ethylene vinyl acetate containing 25-90% by weight ethylene and 10-75% by weight vinyl acetate, (b) a linear low density polyethylene, (c) a low density polyethylene, (d) a very low density polyethylene and (e) a high density polyethylene; and mixtures thereof; each of which is grafted with 0.05-3 % by weight of a carboxylic acid or an anhydride thereof; and

(4) an inorganic filler;

wherein component (1) comprises 5-15% by weight of the blend, component (2) comprises 10-20% by weight of the blend component (3) comprises 3-10% by weight of the blend, and component (4) comprises 60-70% by weight of the blend and wherein component (4) is aluminum trihydrate, magnesium hydroxide, calcium carbonate, calcinated clay, talcum, ammonium polyphosphate or a mixture thereof.

REMARKS

The amendment to Claim 1 is intended to further distinguish the subject matter sought to be patented from the prior art references used to reject claims. Basis for the amendment can be found in the text of the claims as originally filed. As such it is felt that the amendment does not constitute the introduction of new matter. Attached hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made to the claims by the current amendment. The attached pages are captioned "Version with markings to show changes made."

At present, Claims 1-3, 5 through 6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as anticipated by or, in the alternative, under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as obvious over a